

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5631—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6099–S6188*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3537–3545 and S. Res. 517–518. **Page S6154**

#### Measures Reported:

S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with an amendment.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Commending Carolina Hurricanes:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 517, commending the Carolina Hurricanes for winning the 2006 National Hockey League Stanley Cup. **PageS S6187–88**

**Honoring James Cameron:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 518, honoring the life and accomplishments of James Cameron. **Page S6188**

**National Defense Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6105–47**

#### Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 177), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4272, to affirm the Iraqi Government position of no amnesty for terrorists who have attacked U.S. forces. **Pages S6110–17**

By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 178), Nelson (FL)/Menendez Amendment No. 4265, to express the sense of Congress that the Government of Iraq should not grant amnesty to persons known to have attacked, killed, or wounded members of the Armed Forces of the United States. **Page S6117**

Warner (for Ensign/Reid) Amendment No. 4308, to provide for expansion of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. **Pages S6117–18**

Levin (for Kennedy/Sessions) Amendment No. 4299, to require a report on the feasibility of establishing a scholarship or fellowship program to educate future nuclear engineers at the postsecondary and postgraduate levels. **Pages S6117, S6118**

Warner (for Dole/Jeffords) Amendment No. 4349, to require a National Academy of Sciences study on human exposure to contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. **Pages S6117, S6118**

Warner (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 4271, to enhance the authorities and responsibilities of the National Guard Bureau. **Pages S6117, S6118–19**

Warner (for Graham/Kerry) Amendment No. 4226, to clarify the applicability of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a time of war. **Pages S6117, S6119**

Warner Amendment No. 4350, to modify authorities relating to the composition and appointment of members of the United States Marine Band and the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. **Pages S6117, S6119**

Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 4351, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel. **Pages S6117, S6119**

Warner (for Ensign) Amendment No. 4352, to authorize the temporary use of the National Guard to provide support for border security along the southern land border of the United States. **Pages S6117, S6119–20**

Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 4353, to ensure government performance of critical acquisition functions. **Pages S6117, S6120**

Warner (for Ensign) Amendment No. 4354, to require a report on technologies designed to neutralize or defeat the threat to military rotary wing aircraft posed by portable air defense systems and rocket propelled grenades. **Pages S6117, S6120**

Levin (for Clinton) Amendment No. 4213, to provide for a review of the legal status of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. **Pages S6117, S6120**

Warner (for Santorum) Amendment No. 4210, expressing the sense of the Senate on notice to Congress of the recognition of members of the Armed Forces for extraordinary acts of heroism, bravery, and achievement. **Pages S6117, S6120**

Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 4300, relating to multi-spectral imaging capabilities. **Pages S6117, S6120–21**

Warner (for Allard) Amendment No. 4209, to commend the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States in Iraq for their on-going service to the United States. **Pages S6117, S6121**

Levin (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 4215, to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service. **Pages S6117, S6121–22**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4355, to modify the increase in the fiscal year 2006 general transfer authority. **Pages S6117, S6122**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4356, to authorize additional emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006. **Pages S6117, S6122**

Warner (for Thune) Modified Amendment No. 4217, to require a report on the future aerial training airspace requirements of the Department of Defense. **Pages S6117, S6122**

Levin (for Menendez/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4357, to establish a goal of the Department of Defense relating to the use of renewable energy to meet electricity needs. **Pages S6117, S6122**

Warner/Levin Amendment No. 4358, to modify the limitation on availability of funds for Department of Defense participation in multinational military centers of excellence. **Pages S6117, S6122**

Levin (for Bingaman/Menendez) Amendment No. 4359, to require a report on actions to reduce the consumption of petroleum-based fuel by the Department of Defense. **Pages S6117, S6122**

Warner Amendment No. 4360, to require a report assessing the desirability and feasibility of conducting joint officer promotion selection boards. **Pages S6117, S6122**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 176), Dorgan Amendment No. 4292, to establish a special committee of the Senate to investigate the awarding and

carrying out of contracts to conduct activities in Afghanistan and Iraq and to fight the war on terrorism. **Pages S6108–10**

Withdrawn:

Frist Amendment No. 4323 (to Amendment No. 4322), to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions. **Page S6105**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 4241, to name the Act after John Warner, a Senator from Virginia. **Page S6105**

Kennedy Amendment No. 4322, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Page S6105**

Enzi Amendment No. 4376, to promote job creation and small business preservation in the adjustment of the Federal minimum wage. **Page S6140**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Thursday, June 22, 2006. **Pages S6142, S6188**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 21, 2006; that there be 90 minutes for debate on Enzi Amendment No. 4376 (listed above) equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, or their designees; that upon conclusion of that debate, Senate proceed to vote on Kennedy Amendment No. 4322 (listed above), to be followed by a vote on Enzi Amendment No. 4376 (listed above); that no amendment be in order to either amendment; that if either amendment does not receive 60 votes in the affirmative, then that amendment would be withdrawn; further, that following those votes, Senator Levin be recognized to offer an amendment relating to Iraq; that there be 5 hours equally divided for debate thereon; that no amendment be in order thereto; that upon conclusion of that debate, the Levin amendment be laid aside, and Senator Kerry then be recognized to offer an amendment relating to Iraq. **Page S6188**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Protocol III to 1949 Geneva Convention and an Amendment and Protocol to 1980 Conventional Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. No. 109–10).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S6187**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—178)	Page S6109–10 S6117, S6117

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6188.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Rural Development Programs of the Department of Agriculture, focusing on broadband technology, and energy sources, especially ethanol, after receiving testimony from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Jane Halliburton, Story County Iowa, Nevada, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Counties and the National Association of Development Organizations; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Mary McBride, CoBank, Denver, Colorado.

### APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration of H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from James H.

Lambright, Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; James D. McClaskey, Midrex Technologies, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; David Ickert, Air Tractor, Inc., Olney, Texas, on behalf of Small Business Exporters Association; and Robert E. Scott, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Harry G. Hayman, III, Commerce Bank, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on behalf of Bankers' Association for Finance and Trade.

### FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded a hearing to examine reform issues relating to the Federal Housing Administration, focusing on the need for continued improvement in managing risks and estimating program costs, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Regina M. Lowrie, Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services, Horsham, Pennsylvania, on behalf of Mortgage Bankers Association; A.W. Pickel, III, LeaderOne Financial Corporation, Lenexa, Kansas, on behalf of National Association of Mortgage Brokers; Ira Goldstein, The Reinvestment Fund, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Basil N. Petrou, Federal Financial Analytics, Inc., and Tom Stevens, National Association of Realtors, both of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 3521, to establish a new budget process to create a comprehensive plan to rein in spending, reduce the deficit, and regain control of the Federal budget process, with an amendment.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S REVISED DRAFT MANAGEMENT POLICIES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the National Park Service's Revised Draft Management Policies, including potential impact of the policies on park operations, park resources, wilderness areas, recreation, and interaction with gateway communities, after receiving testimony from Stephen P. Martin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Thomas C. Kiernan, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.